

MONDAY, 8th March 1875.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, Esq., M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

A ballot having been taken, the following gentlemen were duly elected Fellows, viz. :—

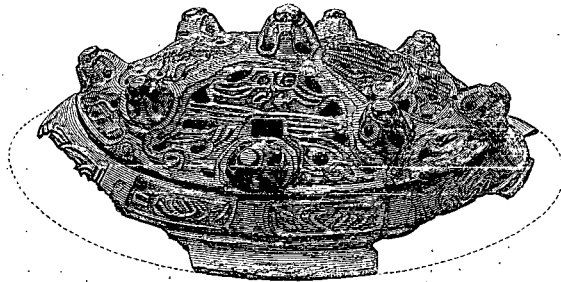
WILLIAM BURNS, Esq., Belmont, Glasgow.

Captain ROBERT RINTOUL, F.R.G.S., late 4th Dragoon Guards.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors, viz. :—

(1.) By JAMES HENDERSON, Esq. of Bilbster, Caithness.

A pair of "Tortoise" or Bowl-shaped Brooches of brass or bronze, of the Viking period, found in 1841 in a short stone cist in a gravel hillock



Tortoise Brooch found in a short cist at the Longhills, Westerseat, Wick.

called the Longhills, a short distance below the Broch of Kettleburn, on the farm of Westerseat, near Wick, in Caithness. Stone cists have been found at different times in removing the gravel of the Longhills, but in no other case have any relics been observed. These two brooches are of different patterns. One closely resembles the specimen from Islay figured in the *Proceedings*, vol. x. p. 554. It measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length,  $2\frac{2}{3}$  inches in breadth, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in height, and is ornamented with a central boss and four others which have alternated with studs of amber

or glass placed at equal distances round the circumference of the upper shell. The other brooch, which is of the same dimensions, is different in pattern, having eight bosses of smaller size surrounding a central boss, as here represented (see woodcut).

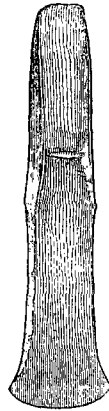
From the peculiar character of these brooches, which marks a definite period, and is distinctively Scandinavian, we are able to say that the cist in the Longhills from which they came was a Norse grave of the Viking period, belonging to the time of the first colonisation of Caithness by the Northmen before their conversion to Christianity, and dating between the end of the ninth and the beginning of the eleventh centuries. [See an account of the Bowl-shaped or Norse Brooches found in Scotland, in a paper on the Remains of the Viking Period, by Mr Joseph Anderson, in the Proceedings, vol. x. p. 551.]

(2.) By JOHN SIBBALD, Esq., M.D., Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy.

Polished Celt of greyish sandstone,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length and 3 inches across the cutting face, found at Crown Head, Keith Hall, Aberdeenshire.

(3.) By Rev. JAMES DONALD, Keith Hall Manse, through Dr JOHN SIBBALD, Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy.

Chisel-shaped Palstave, or flanged Celt, of bright yellow bronze, 4 inches long,  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch wide at the upper end, expanding to  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch at the cutting edge, found in Burrel-dale Moss, Keith Hall, Aberdeenshire. (See the accompanying woodcut.)



(4.) By Dr G. S. BLACKIE, Nashville, Tennessee, through Dr JOHN SIBBALD, Deputy Commissioner in Lunacy.

Spear-head of grey flint of triangular form,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and 2 inches wide, having a pointed tang and the barbs broken off.

Spear-head of grey flint,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches by  $1\frac{3}{8}$ , with wide tang and slight barbs.

Broken Lance-head of dark flint (now 2 inches in length), with slightly tapering tang and sharp sides.

Two Arrow-heads of brownish chert,  $1\frac{7}{8}$  and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in width, thick and triangular in cross section, unbarbed, with strong tapering tangs.

All found in Sumner County, Tennessee, United States.

(5.) By Rev. JAMES M. JOASS, Cor. Mem. S.A. Scot.

Written charm to cure the toothache, given in 1869 to a domestic servant in Dingwall by the wife of a gamekeeper at Garve, Ross-shire. The "charm," which is written on a half-sheet of notepaper, is as follows:—

"Petter sate weapn on a marabl stone Christ came Passn By and askne wath Aileth the Petter Petter ansirid and sayd my Lord my God my tothe Christ ansirid and sayd those that will carry those lines in my Name Shall Be Heald for my namesake Amen

JESSY M'KENZIE."

(6.) By THOMAS FRASER, Esq., C.E., F.S.A. Scot.

Brass Coin-weight for a guinea of William III., found in Craigentenny Burn.

(7.) By FRANCIS ABBOTT, Esq., F.S.A., Scot.

The Catalogue of the Libri MSS. Royal 8vo. 1859.

The Cathedral of Iona, with Plans by the Messrs Buckler. By the Bishop of Argyll. 4to. 1866.

Views in Amsterdam. Small 4to. Amsterdam, 1662.

(8.) By the MASTER of the ROLLS.

Matthæi Paris, Chronica Majora. Vol. ii. Royal 8vo. 1875.

Calendar of Treasury Papers, 1702-1707. Royal 8vo. 1875.

There were also exhibited:—

(1.) By Mr JOHN MARTIN, W.S.

Three ancient Parchments, viz.:—

1. Instrument of Replegiation, by Robert, Lord Semple, as baillie of the Abbot of Paisley, from the Court of the King's Justice-General, dated 12th February 1556.

2. Charter of the Lands of Bradyland, by John, Archbishop of St Andrews and Abbot of Paisley, dated 25th September 1565; with the Signatures of the Archbishop and the Prior and Monks of Paisley.

3. Charter by Claud, Lord Paisley, to a burgess of Paisley of a tenement in Burnegait of Paisley, dated at the Place of Paisley, 20th April 1597.

The following Communications were read :—